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## LOST COINS IN THE MAIL.

They Cause Much Trouble and Worry to Postal Clerks.

Ordinarily no man is rich enough to escape that certain sense of elation which comes from picking up a nickel on a sidewalk, but when a railway postal clerk finds such a coin in a mail pouch where it has worked out of an insufficient wrappings not only does he miss this elation, but it may provoke profanity.

For a nickel lost in a pouch of mail in transit becomes a matter for national concern. It comes to view perhaps just as a pouch of mail is emptied upon a sorting table, and when it has broken away from the bunch of letters and cards and circulars, rolled to an open space on the table and there settled down, heads or tails, with a noisy spinning dance, the clerk who first sees it is "it."

A neoclassical clerk has no more idea than the man in the moon as to what particular package it rolled out of, and if he had and should tell the postal clerk the clerk wouldn't dare try to restore the coin to the original package. That would be too easy a task.

No, it is a lost nickel from the moment the clerk has to see it spinning there before his eyes, and according to the tender governmental conscience the clerk has to get ready for the inauguration of about \$18.43 worth of fuss over it.

For himself he doesn't dare to go to bed for a short nap until he has got rid of his 5 cents' worth of responsibility to the government for the action of the fool person from whom the nickel was parted. He digs up his printed form for such occasions printed and provided and at once fills out a long blank, describing the coin, telling the circumstances of its being found and whether it landed heads or tails on the table, naming the pouch from which it was emptied, the number of the train carrying it, the date and a few other details.

This report, with the nickel, goes to the headquarters of the postal division in which the car was operated, and from there bonded officials, by the same general red tape route, the small coin finds its way to the seat of national government and to the fund representing the great constituency of the postoffice department, which persists in sending money in envelopes through the unregistered mails of the service.—Chicago Tribune.

## PITH AND POINT.

The man who changes jobs frequently never has a good one.

When company goes there is a feeling about the house that suggests an easy old shoe.

It is the opinion of every mother that a boy never loses an opportunity for attempting to break his neck.

Because a friend shows a desire to be sympathetic don't pull the family skeleton out of the closet to entertain him.

As a man gets older he finds that more of his friends are visiting the cemetery when they go riding than formerly.

It often happens that a girl who is not disciplined enough by her parents gets the kind of a husband who disciplines her too much.—Atchison Globe.

**The Man Who Attracts Business.**  
A sunny man attracts business success. Everybody likes to deal with agreeable, cheerful people. We instinctively shrink from a crabbed, cross, contemptible character, no matter how able he may be. We would rather do a little less business or pay with an optimist.—Success.

**Taking a Rest.**  
Church—I saw your clerk on the car yesterday. He had a coin on one arm, a basket on the other, and he couldn't find a seat. Gotham—Yes; he said he was overworked, and he wanted to take a day's rest.—Yonkers Statesman.

**Happiness when at a distance appears so great as to touch the sky.** When it enters our door it so dwindles that very often we no longer recognize it.

**A Future For Him.**  
Mrs. Skemer—Will's teacher says Willie never gets his arithmetic sums right at all. Mr. Skemer—Mebbe it'll be all for the best. He may turn out to be an expert short change artist.—Exchange.

**Hit the Nail on the Head.**  
"So my daughter referred you to me, eh? Well, I hardly understand it. She never consults me except in a financial way."

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## OLDEST CLOCK IN ENGLAND.

Erected in 1320 In One of the Towers of Peterborough Cathedral.

Peterborough cathedral has the oldest working clock in England. It was erected about 1320 and is probably the work of a monastic clockmaker. It is the only one now known that is wound up over an old wooden wheel. This wheel is about twelve feet in circumference, and the galvanized cable, about 300 feet in length, supports a leaden weight of three hundredweight, which has to be wound up daily.

The clock is said to be of much more primitive construction than that made by Henry de Nick for Charles V. of France in 1370. The clock chamber is in the northwest tower, some 120 feet high, where the sunlight has not penetrated for hundreds of years, and the winding is done by the light of a candle.

The going is the great tenor bell of the cathedral, which weighs thirty-two hundredweight, and it is struck hourly by an eighty pound hammer. The going and the striking parts of the clock are some yards apart, communication being by a slender wire. The clock has no dial. The time is shown on the main wheel of the escapement, which goes round once in two hours.—London Chronicle.

## THE TOWER OF HUNGER.

A Famous Prison of Pisa Long Since Destroyed.

"The Tower of Hunger" was a name given to the tower of Gualandi, in Pisa, celebrated because of the reference made to it in Dante's "Inferno." Ugolino, count of Gherardesca (1220-80), was the head of a leading Ghibelline family in Pisa. Deserting the Ghibellines, he went over to the Guelphs. Afterward he returned to his own side and joined that uncompromising faction which regarded Archbishop Ruggieri as their head, until dissensions arose between him and them after he had killed the archbishop's nephew in a quarrel.

In the summer of 1288 Ugolino was seized by the Ghibellines and sent a prisoner to the tower of Gualandi, with his two sons and two grandsons. Here they were kept till March, 1289, when the door of the tower was fastened, the keys thrown into the Arno and the prisoners left to die of starvation. The tower, which was ever after known as the "Tower of Hunger," was in ruins at the end of the fifteenth century and was finally destroyed in 1655.

## AFRICA.

The Way That Name Was Bestowed Upon the Continent.

The name Africa was given by the Roman conquerors, after the third Punic war, B. C. 146, to the province which they formed to cover the territory of Carthage. It was most probably adopted from the word "Afrghah," the Carthaginian term for a colony.

This original Africa was limited in extent. Its borders reached, according to Ptolemy, from the River Tunesa on the west, which divided it from Numidia, to the bottom of the Syrtis Minor on the southeast, though Ptolemy carries it as far east as the bottom of the Great Syrtis, making it include Numidia and Tripolitania.

In later days the whole African continent took its name from this part, which in its narrower limits corresponded with the modern regency of Tunis and was called by the Greeks Libya. Africa, the stormy southwest wind, was so called in Italy because it blew from Africa.

## Implements of Warfare.

There is a story of a privateer's crew of forty to fifty men capturing a Turkish galley with 500 seamen and soldiers on board by means of a swarm of bees judiciously thrown among the unspeakable ones. However this may be, there are enough authentic instances of strange methods of attack to provide ample sufficient material for the casuist in deciding what is fair and what unfair in war. Burning naphtha, boiling lead, birds, carcasses of men and horses, Chinese stinkpots, besides the implements already mentioned, have all been used for offensive or defensive purposes in actual warfare.

## Frank of the Lightning.

In 1844 a fishing smack off one of the Shetland isles was struck by lightning during a fierce storm. The bolt first struck the mast, which it splintered completely. It then passed to a watch in the pocket of a man sitting close to the mast and completely melted it. The man not only was uninjured, but he did not know what had taken place till he took his watch from his pocket and found it fused into a mass.

## Windmills.

"I never knew till now why this such a windy country," said the bright little girl traveling through Illinois. "And have you discovered why?" asked her father.

"Of course. See all the windmills on these farms we're passing."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## His Method.

Mrs. Newpaw—Why don't you stop whipping the child? You make it holier. Mr. Newpaw—I'm licking it to make it stop holiness.—Chicago Journal.

## Cause For Sorrow.

Brown—Crocker's down with brain fever. The doctor says if he recovers his mind will be a blank. Green—I'm sorry to hear that. He owes me \$10.

That they are sinners few are willing to deny; that they are sinning few are ready to admit.

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SISTER SUPERIOR.

## Spring's Fairy Wand

By KEITH GORDON

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It was the English sparrows that put it into Mowbray's head, though perhaps the rhythmic beating of carpets and the slight of winter garments out for their last airing in the sunlight may have prepared his mind for the idea.

The world, so far as he could see it from the windows of his back room, had grown suddenly domestic. Every time he approached the window some new sign of household upheaval greeted him. Every one seemed distractedly busy putting his house in order, and, without realizing precisely what was the matter, Mowbray had a vague, injured sense of being out of it.

Then one morning there was a deafening clatter outside the window where on an adjacent wall the ivy leaves were already changing from russet to rich green and the plumes of the wisteria vine waved with languid elegance in the spring breeze. True to their nature, the sparrows were wrangling fiercely.

"Evidently fighting for the hand of the same lady or disagreeing about the advantages of a building site," chuckled Mowbray as he eyed the reflection of his lathered face in the mirror and, puckering his mouth to the left, drew the razor skillfully across his right cheek and viewed the result with critical attention.

It was a homely moment for self-revelation, but so it happened, and so it must be set down. An instant later he was thinking that it wouldn't be half bad to be one of those married fellows who at this season were receiving such injunctions as, "Now, John, don't forget to telephone the paper hanger," or "Just stop at the carpet cleaner's on your way to the station and hurry him up."

During the rest of his toilet Mowbray grinned at himself in the glass, more or less humorously. Up to the present moment the serious game of money making, with occasional gay hours, had seemed to him as satisfactory.



IN A MOMENT HE WAS BY HER SIDE.

ing an occupation as any man could desire. Now it had ceased to be all absorbing. He wanted to be consulted about the color of wall papers, the designs of rugs and the style of furniture. He wanted to hear some soft, feminine voice saying, "But do you think we can afford it this spring, dear?" and to answer grandly: "Certainly, madam. Do you suppose your husband is such a duffer that he can't pay for a few luxuries now and then?"

Quickly enough, the eyes that looked into his as in fancy he made this speech were of a clear, luscious gray, with long, dark lashes and beautifully penciled brows. To be candid, they were the eyes of Elinor Grant, one of the few girls of his acquaintance whose society he had ever found as entertaining as business. It seemed a sort of miracle that they should appear at the particular juncture. Decidedly fate was giving him a tip.

When he called that afternoon Miss Grant was out, and he had a childish feeling that the bottom had dropped out of things. A dark suspicion that other men besides himself might have received tips from fate also haunted him, and the thought made him a trifle uneasy.

He wandered back downtown, feeling rather glum. There were other girls, of course, always, but he wanted to see her and no one else. Some way all of the girls he knew she was the only one he could think of in connection with the household details that had evidently appealed to him with their homely charm. In imagination he could see her bustling about her little domain, one of those narrow brown-stone houses huddled timidly between more pretentious ones on some side street, directing her maids and taking a lively interest in the affairs of her little household.

The fancy pleased him immensely, and he was going on to elaborate it when the gay colors of a display of wall paper in a window he was passing caught his eye. He slackened his pace, and then and not until then did he observe the figure of a trim young woman standing before it, absorbed in contemplation. In a moment he was by her side.

"One would think you had an establishment of your own and were getting ideas for having it done over," was his laughing salutation as he looked down at her with a pleased warmth in his eyes and enjoyed the startled glance she turned upon him.

It seemed the sweetest thing that he should have come upon her like this, as if some subtle influence had turned her thoughts into the same channel with his own. Decidedly, things were

coming his way. He felt exhilarated, triumphant, boyish. Miss Grant laughed rather foolishly as she greeted him.

"I was playing a game that has been a favorite of mine since I was a small girl," she explained as they turned away from the window, in which I arranged everything in life to suit myself. Nettle and I—Nettle was my best friend, you know—used to spend hours describing our husbands, houses and children to each other. It was great fun, I can tell you, and we entered into details until it actually seemed real."

She paused and glanced up at him to see if he understood and then continued: "When you came up I was just furnishing a love of a house in thought, selecting the color scheme for my walls, you know."

Mowbray listened, almost too rapt to speak. There was something thrilling in the knowledge that her thoughts had been the very complement of his. A strange, strong happiness and certainty possessed him.

"Would you mind telling me whether the husband that you planned bore any resemblance to me?" he questioned daintily.

She regarded him critically, then shook her head. "Don't think me rude," she murmured; "but, to tell you the truth, he was always six feet tall and blond. Once I remember when we had reached the end of a game—that is, when our daughters grew up and marry—we began all over again, and for a change I chose a dark, cold man who filled me with a delicious fear. But I was always forgetting and harking back to my favorite type, so at last I gave up."

"Too bad, too bad!" murmured her companion, but his tone implied that his pity was for her disappointment rather than his own. They walked along in silence for awhile, absorbed in their thoughts and the lively scene about them, yet strangely conscious of each other. At last Mowbray spoke.

"I don't see how the thing is coming out," he began, with feigned bewilderment, "for when the sights and sounds of early spring suddenly made me homesick for the thing I've never had—a home—"

His voice grew low, and he paused a second, as if he thought were too sacred to be mentioned lightly. Elinor's heart went out to him, though she stubbornly kept her glance fixed indifferently on the crowd about them.

"It was your face that rose before me instantly; your eyes that looked into mine; your dear presence that I felt in the house that I planned, like a benediction, a caress. You were the spirit of the place, its queen, the gracious woman to whom I fancied myself coming home each night with a deeper, fuller love."

A headless pedestrian jostled them, all unconscious of the fact that in doing so he had rudely brushed against the sweetest thing in the world—a love story. They continued their way, almost in silence, until the bewildering greenery of the park turned by spring magic into fairyland confronted them.

In a flash Elinor seemed to see her life stretching away into the future, transformed into a beauty as matchless as that before her, by love.

She laid her hand upon Mowbray's arm and gazed at him for a moment with her soul in her eyes.

"After all," she said very softly, "I believe that you 'dreamed true'!"

## Look For The Woman.

Where a community is blessed with good churches, look for the woman. Where the public schools have teachers of worth and the schools are of recognized standard, look for the woman.

Where good music is brought to a town or city through private enterprise, look for the woman.

Where there is a prevalence of good literature in a small town, look for the woman.

When a boy grows into an honest, upright, forcible man, look for the woman.

Where you find clean street cars and clean streets, look for the woman.

Where you find lectures brought to an eager public by private enterprise, look for the woman.

Where you find cheerful, cheerful charities supported and encouraged, look for the woman.

It is woman who stands behind most of these blessings of the world. It is woman and woman's clubs that are to be credited with many of these good influences.

It is woman and her home missionary society, woman and her church fair, woman and her eagerness to help, that make possible many of these dearly bought luxuries.—Chicago News.

## How Moles Work.

Moles are usually active at work in the early morning or late in the afternoon. It is not difficult to kill them with a pitchfork when they are working, the animals being located by observing the movement of the ground above them. If water is allowed to run into the burrow and fill it the animal when present can be forced to come to the surface to avoid drowning and may be easily killed. The best remedy for the damage done to lawns and grass plots by moles is prompt rolling with a heavy roller. By continued repetition of this the moles will be driven away at least temporarily.

Moles have few natural enemies. Their food consists chiefly of worms and insects that live in the ground, and their presence in large numbers at any place is an evidence of the abundance of their food. There is no doubt that they do much good by destroying many noxious insects. If it were not for the injury done to lawns by their digging up ridges of earth along which grass dies, or to gardens by their loosening the roots of young plants, moles would be more beneficial than harmful.—New England Homestead.

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## A WALK IN THE WOODS.

Emerson Says It's One of the Secrets For Dodging Old Age.

Few men know how to take a walk. The qualifications of a professor are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech. If a man tells me that he has an intense love of nature, I know, of course, that he has none. Good observers have the manners of trees and animals, their patient good sense, and if they add words 'tis only when words are better than silence. But a loud singer or a story teller or a vain talker profanes the river and the forest and is nothing like so good company as a dog.

When Nero advertised for a new luxury to walk in the woods should have been offered. "Tis one of the secrets for dodging old age, for nature makes a like impression on age as on youth. Then I recommend it to people who are growing old against their will. A man in that predicament, if he stands before a mirror or among young people, is made quite too sensible of the fact, but the forest awakes in him the same feeling it did when he was a boy, and he may draw a moral from the fact that 'tis the old trees that have all the beauty and grandeur. I admire the taste which makes the avenue so small, where the house never so small, through a wood; besides the beauty, it has a positive effect on manners, as it disposes the mind of the inhabitant and of his guests to the deference due to each. Some English reformers thought the cattle made all this wide space necessary between house and house and that if there were no cows to pasture less land would suffice. But a cow does not need so much land as the owner's eyes require between him and his neighbor.—Ralph Waldo Emerson in Atlantic.

## There Was One Who Did Not Laugh.

Mark Twain once expressed the following sentiments to a young woman who had not smiled at a thing that he had said during an impromptu reception in his honor at Bryn Mawr college, to which his daughter had invited him. All the young ladies but one were in a state of great glee during the humorist's address; all but one had laughed heartily at every witty remark. Just as Twain finished he turned to the young woman who had not laughed and said in an undertone: "You are the only sensible one here. I have not said a single amusing thing. If it were not for the conspicuousness of it I would like to press your hand."

## Shakespeare as an Actor.

About the year 1600 one of the London companies received an addition in the person of a young man who was not only a skillful and useful actor, but who also possessed the accomplishment of being able to adapt older plays to the taste of the times, and even proved to have the gift of writing tolerably good plays himself, though older and jealous colleagues might hint at their not being altogether original. This young man, whose capacities became of no slight use to the company and the theater, was named William Shakespeare.—From "A History of Theatrical Art."

## "SAVED MY LIFE"

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## A Deep Sea Yampre.

An exquisite sea flower, something like an aster, grows at great depths in the ocean. It looks innocent enough, but it is charged with such a deadly poison that a small fish touching one of the beautiful petals is instantly killed, and its body is then drawn down by the waving leaves to the plant's mouth and is literally eaten.

## Paternal Pride.

"When I have occasion to punish my son," said the austere man, "I always tell him that it hurts me more than it does him."

"I don't," replied the plain, practical citizen. "Johnny may be a little headstrong and disobedient, but he has too much sense to believe anything like that."—Washington Star.

## Taking Out Letters.

Teacher—Tommy, what did I tell you yesterday that it was called to take out several letters? Tommy Figgjam—Abbreviate. Teacher—Then make a sentence correctly using the word "abbreviate." Tommy—I saw the letter carrier abbreviate the mail box on the corner.—Baltimore American.

## A Cow Superstition.

According to Indo-European folklore, the clouds of the heavens were nothing but cows who were invested with the duties of a psychomp. At times these clouds descended to the earth and assumed their bovine garb, but their duty remained the same; hence the superstition prevalent in many agricultural countries that a cow breaking into a garden foretells a death in the family. The psychomp was merely looking for a soul to escort to the hereafter.

## A Rush Order.

An old woman in Cincinnati brought a worn-out Bible to a publishing house, explaining that it had been in her family 200 years. She asked the publisher to make her a new one just like it, adding that she was then going to market and would stop for the new Bible on her way home, winding up with a query as to how much it would be.

## Ups and Downs.

Lady (who is on a visit to her native town)—How is Mrs. Gabb? I haven't seen her in a long time. Hostess—She is having her usual ups and downs. Lady Visitor—And what may that be, I pray? Hostess—Oh, running up bills and running down her neighbors.—Town and Country.

## A Good Scheme.

Husband—Why do you scold the butcher? It isn't his fault that the meat comes to the table all dried up. Scold the cook. Wife—I don't dare to, but I'm in hopes that if I keep on scolding the butcher he'll get mad and come around and scold the cook.—New York Weekly.

## Justifiable Suspicion.</



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## HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

Last week the Ledger showed by figures taken from the official records that Amador county has suffered a diminution of revenue to the tune of five thousand dollars per year in the matter of fees collected in the sheriff's, clerk's and recorder's offices alone, as compared with the receipts of twenty years ago. This tremendous shrinkage has been brought about by so gradual a process that it has passed unnoticed by the average citizen, notwithstanding it has proved a potent factor in increasing the burdens of the taxpayers. It is easy of demonstration that with our present assessment roll, and an equitable adjustment of our local revenue schedule, together with an economical administration of affairs, the tax rate for county purposes ought not to exceed one dollar on the hundred, instead of being in the neighborhood of \$1.50 as it has been for a number of years past. There is no valid reason why a tax rate of about \$1.50 should not suffice to meet the demands for both state and county purposes, and the only reason that can be assigned why such a levy falls far short of requirements is that our laws are made, not in the interest of the general public, but for benefit of self-seeking politicians and office-holders.

The history of the fee system of Amador county is a striking illustration of how public interests are sacrificed for personal and class interests. A quarter of a century ago the emoluments of office as far as sheriff and county clerk and recorder were concerned consisted mainly of fees. Fees paid by those doing business with these offices were the principal source of revenue. It was therefore in order for the office-holders to boost the fee system to the highest possible notch. The bigger the fees the more money went into the pockets of the officials. In those days if a man was unfortunate enough to get into a law suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant, he was presented with a bill of fees from sheriff and clerk, and the money so collected was to recompense them for their services in that particular case. The fees were not paid into the treasury as now, but were retained by the officers in lieu of a fixed salary. Abuses grew up under that system. Outrageous fees were sanctioned and collected. Princely incomes flowed into the coffers of office-holders, and for the support of party managers. It was estimated at one time that the income of a petty county official approximated to the salary of the governor of the state. The pull was all in the direction of swelling the fees. Finally the abuse became so flagrant that a cry was made against the fee system as a mode of compensating county officials. It was at last abolished. County officers were paid a fixed salary in full compensation for all services rendered by them. The fees they had heretofore collected and pocketed were still in force, but were paid into the county treasury. It was calculated that without any extortionate demands the fees would offset, if not exceed, the salaries paid to the officials. The wiping out of the fee system was hailed as a reform movement of the utmost importance. But just as soon as the fees were diverted into the county treasury, then influences were brought to bear to cut them down to the lowest figure. Of course, the incumbents in office were indifferent about keeping them up to the former standard. Whether a high or low scale of fees was in vogue mattered nothing to them; their salaries were fixed. But the subject soon became of much interest to the law-making class—the lawyers. It was to their interest to cut down the fees, thereby relieving the litigants of the just burden of litigation and throwing the expense upon the property taxpayers. This would tend to encourage litigation, and at the same time save money to be swallowed up in attorney's fees. Every legislature that has met since a whack at the fee schedule, until it stands to-day the mere skeleton of by-gone days. Work that was formerly confided to the sheriff—and which rightfully belongs to that officer—such as sales in foreclosure cases, etc., and for which frequently large sums were collected as fees—is now done by a commissioner appointed by the court, who collects the fees for his own benefit. If the sheriff did the work the county treasury would be enriched by the fees. The politician thrives by what he can take out of, or divert from the public treasury. All along the line of the fee schedule the same influences have been at work to cut

down the amount of revenue from this source. Occasionally a protest has been made by the papers against this process so prejudicial to the county's interest, but it has been invariably stifled by the gang for political purposes. A county political convention two years ago attempted to insert a plank in the platform pledging the representatives in the legislature to use all honorable means to secure a revision of the fee schedule in the interest of the taxpayers. At the bidding of interested parties it was partially throttled in committee; and that portion that was adopted by the convention was utterly ignored by our legislators. It is well for the people to keep these things in remembrance. We have an abiding faith in the integrity of the average American citizen, and when the evil becomes generally appreciated the people will find ways and means to remedy it, even though it be necessary to carve out new political channels in order to bring about that desirable result.

## INCORPORATION.

Incorporation is now the talk of the town. Wednesday a number of our enterprising citizens met at Lawyer Bole's office to talk over the subject and take the first steps necessary to bring the matter properly before the people. U S Gregory acted as chairman of the meeting, and Fred Eudey secretary. All present seemed to think the time now ripe for action. Not a dissenting voice was heard among those present. On motion unanimously carried the chairman appointed E. H. Harrington, C. Marella, Alfonso Ginocchio, Benj. F. Taylor and D. B. Spagnoli a committee to ascertain data pertaining to costs, consolidation of offices, outline boundaries, etc., etc., and report the same to the citizens of Jackson at a mass meeting to be called later by the chairman. The committee will begin work at once, and will try and have everything in shape so as to ask the supervisors to call an election at their regular March meeting. The present sanitary condition of the town perhaps had something to do with the agitating of the question at this time. It is openly stated that many of those who were opposed to incorporation when voted on before are now outspoken in favor of it. The committee appointed by Mr. Gregory should be given all assistance possible in order that they may obtain desired information, and the question will be open for discussion on lines mapped out by them at and after the mass meeting called to receive their report.

## STRIKE AT THE ROOT.

State financiers are at their wits' ends to find ways of increasing the revenue to meet the running expenses of the government. All sorts of plans are being proposed to make the state's income keep pace with the ever-increasing out-go. Governor Pardee and his advisers are no doubt patriotically and sincerely endeavoring to find a way out of the dilemma, which they can foresee is destined to become acute in the near future if the present killing pace is to be maintained. But in presence of the spirit of extravagance and graft which seems to possess our law-makers and permeate our system through and through, it is difficult to see how the one-sided policy of providing more funds for the carnival of extravagance can bring any permanent relief. It is easier to spend money than to make or earn it. We may reconstruct our tax system; we may add new sources of revenue; but these will work for little in the way of genuine reform unless supplemented by the lopping off of useless items in the expense account. There are many who will believe that more good can be accomplished in this last named direction than in any other. Our government is becoming top-heavy. We are suffering from over-government. There are too many leeches and barnacles fastened to the ship of state. They are sapping its vitality, and impeding its progress. The maw of the political mill is insatiable. Pampering serves merely to add strength to its voracious appetite. What California needs is to be rid of its army of useless attaches, its legion of officeholders, whose most arduous duty is to draw their pay. We must curb the spirit that seeks to build up every county in the state by having some state institution, with its myrmidon of officials quartered there. These are the things that are eating at our vitals. And when some scheme is devised and put into practice to slough them off of the body politic, the common people will begin to think that the hour of redemption is at hand.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, who was recently indicted by the federal grand jury for participation in land frauds, has made a personal explanation to the members of the senate as to his position and the course he will pursue in the matter to clear himself of the stigma placed upon his good name.

## Estray Notice.

Estrayed from my mountain range near Ham's station, four head of cattle about two years old, marked square crop off the right ear, and under bit in left, branded P M on left hip. Suitable reward will be given to any one giving information. GEO. GREILICH, Drytown, Cal.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

DeWITT'S  
WITCH HAZEL  
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THE ORIGINAL.

## A Well Known Cure for Piles.

Cures obstinate sores, chapped hands, eczema, skin diseases. Makes burns and scalds painless. We could not improve the quality if paid double the price. The best salve that experience can produce or that money can buy.

## Cures Piles Permanently

DeWitt's is the original and only pure and genuine Witch Hazel Salve made. Look for the name DeWITT on every box. All others are counterfeit. PREPARED BY  
E. C. DeWITT & CO., CHICAGO.  
City Pharmacy, Jackson.

## AMADOR CITY.

AMADOR CITY, January 10.  
Miss Fox, has returned to Lancha Piana, where she will re-open her school.

Mrs. Green, who has been visiting friends in Amador, returned to Drytown Saturday.

Miss Richards has been visiting for the past week in Jackson.

Misses Mamie Boneau and Fredericks of Volcano, paid Amador a flying visit last Friday.

Miss Louise McLaughlin has been the guest of Mrs. W. E. Whitehead last Thursday and Friday.

Miss Edith Berryman entertained a few of her young friends at her home last Tuesday evening. All report having spent a pleasant evening.

Prod Setzer, jr., has returned to Lodi, after several days' visit to his friends here.

Idole Whitehead has returned to Winters to attend high school.

Miss Florence Fenton, one of our promising young ladies, has gone to Oakland to remain indefinitely.

Miss Hattie Hinkson has returned from Plymouth, where she has been the guest of Miss M. Slavich.

School opened Monday, January 9, after a two weeks' vacation.

## E. LOIS.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

## The Railroad.

The large camp just below the Vogan place has been moved to the rock corral in Allen's field. All grading as far as Kerr's station is now completed. The trestles are all framed, and will be put in place in a few days. The new engine has arrived, track laying has been resumed, and the train will be running regularly to Kerr's in a short time. 200 men and 150 horses are now working this side of the Mt. Spring house. The worst of the grading on this end is completed, and the finishing work is now being done, preparatory to laying the track. One of the camps will be moved to Martell's within the next few days. Surveying parties will be put on to select the routes into Jackson, Sutter and Amador. Building operations will continue until each of these towns are reached. The builders and contractors of this enterprise have undertaken large operations in other places which they are pushing to a rapid completion. The knowing ones may say and think and receive outside tips, but the builders and promoters seem to understand their business, and the road is coming right along.

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For Infants and Children.

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## Coroner's Inquest.

The inquest held to determine the cause of the accident that resulted in the death of Joseph H. Bastain at the Argonaut mine was presided over by Justice Goldner, the coroner being in quarantine at the time. Foreman Francis was the main witness, and gave a straightforward statement as to the working of the stopes and stated that he had considered deceased to be a practical and very careful miner. He considered the accident the fault of no one in particular, but simply one of those cases that come without apparent cause or warning. The jury after listening carefully to the evidence, brought in a verdict of death from injuries received in the third stop of the 1930-foot level, finding that it was purely accidental and exonerating all employees from blame.

## A Guaranteed Cure For Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Mme. Loubet, mother of the president of France, died on the 15th inst., at the ripe old age of 82 years. She was a lady of great personal character and contributed much to her son's success. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was attended by the president and his family.

## Speedy Relief.

A salve that heals without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. No remedy effects such speedy relief. It draws out inflammation, soothes, cools and heals all cuts, burns and bruises. A sure cure for Piles and skin diseases. DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of counterfeits, they are dangerous. Sold by all druggists.

Ledger and Chicago Weekly Inter-Ocean, both papers one year for \$250, in advance.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.

Estate of Henry Stark, deceased.—Petition for letters of administration filed. Hearing set for January 28, 1905, at 10 a. m.

Estate of Mary Daugherty, deceased.—Petition for letters of administration filed. Hearing set for January 28, 1905, at 10 a. m.

Estate of D. A. Cooper, deceased.—Order of publication of notice to creditors filed.

Estate of Andrew Douet, deceased.—Stipulation filed.

Louisa Colman vs. Chris Ucovich.—Papers on appeal from justice court township No. 1 filed.

W. A. Burres vs. Marguerite Burres.—Complaint filed and summons issued. S. Ciapucci vs. Charles Ciapucci.—Execution issued.

Estate of Mary Ione Frates, deceased.—Final account and petition for distribution filed. Hearing set for January 28, 1905, at 10 a. m.

Guardianship of Edna Talbot and minors.—Final account filed. Hearing set for January 28, 1905.

## CASTORIA.

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## Uncalled-for Letters.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Jackson, Cal., postoffice, for the week ending January 20, 1905:

S. L. Bright Miss J. Compton  
T. B. Morton Johnny Elliot  
D. C. Shepherd Argenti Vagina

G. C. FOLGER, Postmaster.

## To Cure A Cold In One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

## Loses His Thumb.

B. F. Flagg met with a painful accident at the Carley & Hamrick sulphurets plant connected with the Central Eureka mine. In some way Mr. Flagg got his thumb caught in the machinery in such a manner that it was torn from his hand and dropped to the floor. Six inches of the large tendon remained with the thumb. Dr. Lewis of Sutter dressed the injured hand, and Mr. Carley brought the unfortunate man to his home in Jackson.

## BORN.

KIDD—In Jackson valley, January 14, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kidd, a son.

## DIED.

HASTAIN—In Jackson, January 16, 1905, Joseph H. Bastain, a native of California, aged 33 years.

JACKSON—In Fresno, January 9, 1905, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, a native of Kentucky, aged 78 years.

HAW—In Sutter Creek, January 13, 1905, Mrs. Bridget Haw, a native of Ireland, aged 82 years.

RODGERS—In Jackson, January 13, 1905, James Rodgers, a native of New York, aged 71 years.

KANE—In Brooklyn, N. Y., January 3, 1905, Miss Ella Kane, a native of Amador county, Cal.

LABORGUE—In Jackson, January 13, 1905, Mrs. LaBorgue, a native of France, aged 64 years.

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## Hotel Business for Sale.

THE UNION HOUSE BUSINESS, situated on Main street, Jackson, is offered for sale with all furniture and fixtures complete. The house contains 30 sleeping rooms, bar, dining room and complete equipment in every way, and recently refitted throughout. Doing a good business, rooms all filled. This is an excellent opportunity for any person wishing to engage in the hotel business, or desiring to wish to sell. For particulars apply to F. Simpson on the premises. dec-17

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## Notice of Assessment.

DEL MONTE MINING AND MILLING COMPANY.  
Location of principal place of business, Jackson, Amador county, California.

Location of works, Railroad Flat Mining District, Calaveras county, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1905, an assessment of five cents (5c) per share was levied upon the stock of the company.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 6th day of Feb. 1905, will be declared delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
JAS. JAY WRIGHT, Secretary  
Office in the Marcella Building, on Summit street, Jackson, Amador county, California.

## ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

SOUTH EUREKA MINING COMPANY.  
Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Sutter Creek, Amador county, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 4th day of January, 1905, an assessment of Two (2) cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, and the same shall remain unpaid on the 6th day of February, 1905, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
W. H. WILLIS, Secretary  
Office—530 California street, Room 304, San Francisco, California. Jan 6

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Ayer's  
Cherry  
Pectoral

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral quiets tickling throats, hacking coughs, pain in the lungs. It relieves congestion, subdues inflammation. It heals, strengthens. Your doctor will explain this to you. He knows all about this cough medicine.

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Ayer's Pills greatly aid recovery. Purely vegetable, gently laxative.

## DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

[The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office and are hereby published for the purpose of giving notice to all persons interested therein. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.]

## DEEDS.

Thos. Maher to Ione and Eastern railroad—Right of way, \$10.

A. J. Crain to Susan Craia—112 acres Shenandoah valley, love and affection. J. D. and S. Brown to Sam Hughes—160 acres, 7 n 11 e, \$320.

Sam Hughes to Warren Hamilton—Same as above, \$320.

Mrs. H. Smith to J. G. Matthis—Lot in Sutter Creek, \$1.

J. S. Amick and wife to J. Cottel—Lot near Ione, \$62.

## MINING LOCATIONS.

McGhee et al, Mt. Vernon soapstone quarry, 80 acres, Rancheria district.

Geo. A. Greenwood, Maud quartz claim, Jackson district.

Wm. Hanley, Nellie May quartz mine, Clinton district.

## PROOF OF LABOR.

M. C. Quinn, Quinn quartz claim, Middle Bar district.

Elizabeth Sargent, Castoria quartz mine, Middle Bar district.

## No More Stomach Troubles.

All stomach trouble is removed by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It gives the stomach perfect rest, by digesting what you eat without the stomach's aid. The food builds up the body, the rest restores the stomach to health. You don't have to diet yourself when taking Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. J. D. Erskine, of Alameda, Mich., says: "I suffered Heartburn and Stomach trouble for some time. My sister-in-law had the same trouble and was not able to eat for six weeks. She lived entirely on warm water. After taking two bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she was entirely cured. She now eats heartily and is in good health. I am glad to say Kodol gave me instant relief." Sold by all druggists.

## Demand A Retraction.

Chief of Police Coffey, of Sacramento, seems to have gotten himself into a pretty little mess by saying things in his annual report about the department store clerks and telephone girls that he ought not to have said. Chief Coffey refers to these places as "kindergartens of vice," to which all employees, and particularly the young ladies, object. An indignation meeting was held, and a retraction demanded. The chief has tried to explain just what he meant, but does not seem to express himself in terms satisfactory to all. Mr. Coffey is evidently a ladies' man and no doubt will be magnanimous enough to withdraw the statement.

Mayor Hassett reprimanded Chief of Police Coffey before the city trustees of Sacramento as follows:

"In submitting his annual report to the board of trustees the chief of police went outside of his province and treated of a matter which never should have been given publicity, even though he had irrefragable testimony of the truth of the statement which appears in his report. Had he furnished this office with a copy of his report, as it was his duty to do, the statement never would have been made public. It is not so many years ago since a reverend gentleman made a sweeping denunciation of the women of Sacramento, and, like the city's chief of police, found himself severely criticised, and just as he got his base and uncalled for aspersions upon the fair name and fame of the women of Sacramento. The man who would willfully and knowingly cast a single reflection upon a woman's character is utterly unfit to dwell in a civilized community. If for one moment I entertained the thought that Mr. Coffey committed the unpardonable offense of so sinning, that moment would be deprived of his office. In regarding the chief of police for his unwarranted assertion, which every member of this community repudiates, I can only attribute his error to an extreme case of cooetosis scribendi."

Chief Coffey heard the reading of the reprimand. He said to the trustees: "I was wholly misunderstood. I have nothing to say that would reflect in the least against any woman or girl. I had a mother and a wife and have a sister. I simply desired in my report to call the attention of the women of the clubs to the condition of affairs existing at the present time in this city."

On motion of Trustee Carragher the chief's objectionable statement in his annual report was ordered expunged from the city's records.

## Obtaining Gold From Moss.

There appeared during the week an article in one of the city papers stating that a merchant of Trinity county had purchased \$4,000 worth of gold the past season which had been collected by moss on the river banks during periods of high water, and further saying that the method is new. No doubt it is in that locality, but our informant knows of gold having been collected by moss on the banks of Dry Creek near the Thompson place ten years ago. After the season's flood waters had subsided those engaged in mining during the season gathered the moss on the banks, dried it in the summer heat, then after burning, panned out the ashes, such operations yielding good pay. In this manner the gold so caught was not from hydraulic ground, but consisted of the fine particles that escaped from the quartz mills above, and carried down stream by storm waters, and that being represented by a small part of the gold so lost. As the process is simple and does not entail much labor we suggest this plan to those engaged in mining along the large creeks.

Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon.

With more than four months still remaining before the opening day, June 1, exhibits and displays for the Lewis and Clark Centennial are beginning to arrive in Portland by the carload, and are being stored in finished buildings on the exposition grounds. From this time on the cars of exhibits will continue to arrive in large numbers until all the displays are ready for the opening of the great coast fair.

California has sent one car, containing a part of her display in education and social economy, and more are expected in a few days.

All but one of the exhibition palaces are now completed, and the arrival of exhibits at this early date makes certain the readiness of the fair on the opening day.

Persia's exhibit will be worth \$200,000. Vermont's building will be a reproduction of the old Constitution House of 1777. Great Britain will occupy 3,600 square feet of exhibit space. Hungary will have an exhibit worth \$30,000. Costa Rica will make a fine display of coffee, hemp, cocoa and other products at the Western World's Fair. The display is valued at \$20,000. An interesting attraction for women will be the display of the latest frocks from Paris in the French section of the Manufactures Building. Egypt and Morocco will make a combined African display. The exhibit will cover 2,500 square feet, and its value will be \$225,000. The hatching of chickens will be shown to the general public. All exhibitors of incubators will be required to make their displays operative, and at stated hours the crowds will be invited to come and see the chickens break their shells. The piling and flooring work on the Trail and Bridge of Nations is now completed, and the government peninsula can now be reached by this route. The bridge spans 2,000 feet of water and is the longest bridge ever erected at an exposition. The art display will be of fabulous value, representing more money than will be expended in building the exposition. There will be a few paintings worth at least \$100,000 each, and the aggregate value of the display will be millions of dollars. The Indian exhibit will be a large and extensive one, in many respects superior to those held at earlier world's fairs. A feature of the treasury department exhibit in the government building will be a mint in full operation, where souvenir medals will be turned out every day instead of gold and silver coins. Every feature of the exposition will be as perfect as money and time can make it.

## LANCHA PLANA.

Mrs. Sebastian Fossieur, who was thrown from a buggy about three weeks ago near here, died January 14th from the effects of injuries received, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Campo Seco last Monday.

Asa Farnsworth met with quite a painful accident a few days ago near here, by a bank of earth falling upon him while at work in the Ekol mining claim, and was severely bruised about the body and limbs, but with good nursing will soon be about again.

Phil Sheridan returned from San Francisco last week, and was accompanied by his niece, Miss Gertrude Crail, Ray Still and Wilson Crail, jr., of Galt, paid a flying visit to Lancha Sunday last.

Miss Birdie Adams returned from Sacramento last Saturday, after a pleasant visit with friends.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the dance at Ione last Saturday night, and all had a pleasant time. Ed. Bowdon left for New York City last week for a short visit.

Mr. Dewey and son Harry, of Stockton, visited relatives here last week, returning home last Sunday.

## DOUBTFUL.

We make a specialty of printing all kinds of notes, receipts, checks, etc. Send your orders to the Ledger office.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Ledger and New York Tri-Weekly Tribune 3 00  
Ledger and Weekly Chicago Inter-Ocean 2 50  
Ledger and Cosmopolitan Magazine 2 75  
Ledger and McCall's



## LOCAL NEWS

Lemons, oranges, and bananas constantly on hand at Nettles' Mkt.

Editor Webb and wife will return home Saturday.

District Attorney Vicini has gone below on official business.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection."

Sheriff Norman has been away during the week on business connected with his office.

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone Main 404. Jackson, Cal.

Hot tomatoes at the Union House. Parties will please leave orders before hand.

Quite a number of Jackson's young people attended the dance at Plymouth Saturday evening.

A miner working at the Argonaut had his foot badly injured Monday evening. He is doing nicely.

The Pino Grove people are getting ready for the wave of prosperity when the railroad reaches that town.

Postmaster Geo. C. Folger is able to be on the streets again. He is looking well and improving rapidly.

Neal Hamm was over from Jenny Lynn Wednesday. He says prosperity is coming his way in that thrifty little town.

Nothing will please an invalid as well as a package of those fancy cakes from Nettles' Mkt.

It is currently reported that Henry Weil and Prof. Pell, of Ione, will open up a music store in Jackson in the near future.

The state senate has passed a bill giving Los Angeles county nine instead of six superior judges. The bill is now before the assembly.

Supervisor Amick and wife passed through town Wednesday on their way to Volcano. Mrs. Amick is installing officer for the Rebekahs.

Fresh pickled olives of the season just received; 65c per gallon. Nettles' Market.

If all the bills that are being introduced by our California legislators are to be considered, the legislative session will probably last 100 days.

A gentleman without feet appeared on the streets Monday. He walked around without any apparent effort, and made as good time as the average man.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best.

Teams report the road between Jackson and Ione as next to impassable in many places. The late rains have rendered the roads everywhere simply one mass of mud.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coleman went to Campo Seco Wednesday to attend the burial of their niece, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan.

The telephone line between Jackson and Volcano was out of repair Tuesday. Elmer Boydston came down the line Wednesday and put everything in shape.

The railroad is coming. Let the short-sighted, deaf and nervous people keep off the track; for the engine may overtake them unawares and dump them into the gutter.

Rev. E. D. McCreary, D. D., presiding elder of the Sacramento district of the Methodist church, paid his official quarterly visit to the Methodist parish of this city this morning. He was the guest of Rev. C. E. Winning.

WANTED—Experienced cook and housekeeper, private family, Amador City. Woman 30 years old; wages \$30; good home for respectable woman. Apply H. Rodgers, Keystone Supply Co.

James Heath, while working at the Lighter mine in Calaveras county, stepped into a open chute and fell eighty feet. He received injuries that proved fatal on Thursday, the 12th inst.

Twelve-year-old Viola Trip was severely bitten by a savage dog at Angels last Saturday. The flesh was torn from the calf of the leg, leaving a hole an inch and a half in diameter.

Assaying 75 cents. Bullion, amalgam, rich ore, etc., bought in large or small quantities. Prompt returns. Mail or express, 1000 lb. Chlorination, mill and cyanide tests. Pioneer Assaying Co., 157 New Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

The Methodist Episcopal church of the stranger's Sabbath home C. E. Winning, minister. Preaching services next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. The public is cordially urged to attend these services.

Prof. Greenhalgh, of the Sutter Creek public school, is in San Francisco undergoing treatment at one of the leading hospitals. Miss Henrietta Post has charge of his room during his absence, while Mrs. Botto is substituting for Miss Post.

Geo. Koffer was up from Jackson valley Tuesday, and reports that crops are looking splendid in that section. Mr. Koffer had his left arm badly injured recently in a mix-up with a span of unruly mules. He now feels that he will soon be able to give them another tussle.

O. O. Osborne, of Lodi, optical specialist, paid the Ledger office a friendly call Wednesday morning. Mr. Osborne will remain in Jackson two weeks, and will make regular trips through Amador county hereafter. His announcement will be made later on.

L. M. Kercheval, deputy game and fish commissioner, committed suicide in Sutor forest last Friday during a fit of despondency. Kercheval was a conspicuous person in Jackson during the notorious "deer meat" trial, in which the editor of this paper figured as defendant.

Supervisor Strohm has been doing splendid road work where work was badly needed since his induction into office. The new supervisor now has his horse and cart and personally looks after all work being done. He is to be congratulated upon his good beginning.

Special Sale  
on Felt Shoes

Ladies' Felt Romeos, regular \$1.50 shoe for \$1.05

Ladies' Felt Romeos, regular \$1.25 shoe for - 85c

Ladies' Felt Romeos, regular \$1.00 shoe for - 75c

Misses' Felt Romeos, fur tops, size 11 to 2, for 75c

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Child's Felt Romeos, fur tops, size 5 to 8, for - 55c

## ...BARGAINS...

Don't miss the bargain on house shoes. We have a lot of short lines and we are going to close them out for 50c, 60c and 75c; goods that sell regular for 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

## 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

Our entire line of Misses and Children's Coats at 20 per cent off on the dollar. \$2.00 coats for \$1.60 and so on. Don't miss these special prices.

## KID GLOVES

Centemeri Kid Gloves, guaranteed and fitted by us. Any pair that breaks we give you another pair free of charge. Try our gloves. We have all the latest shades, which stock has just arrived.

## Kingsbury Hats

Kingsbury Hats are just a little better than anything you can find in Jackson. You cannot be satisfied with any other line after you once wear a Kingsbury hat. They fit and wear, and never stretch out of shape.

## ...MUSIC...

Sheet music for 25 cents. All the latest music received by us. Give us a call on this line.

## Saturday Night Concert

Do not fail to attend our concerts, held every Saturday evening. First-class music.

## JACKSON SHOE STORE

Regulators of low prices.

## Water Supply.

Owing to the scarcity of water the placer miners have been unable to do much work on their properties. Many predicted that on account of the heavy fall rains we would have only light rains during the winter months. So far their predictions have come true, only light rains, cold, frosty, and foggy weather has prevailed. We ought not to complain even though these conditions should continue during the season, for it seldom serves us in this manner, but for the general welfare of the people we would be glad to see a generous down-pour. If the miner fails to reap his golden harvest the result is felt in the markets of trade fully as much, if not more, than if the grain and fruit crops should fail to yield their usual harvest. It is not too late as yet to receive a goodly supply of rain, snow and hail. It behooves every one to be good and ready when the supply does come, and do the work in one month that it might otherwise take two or three months to do.

Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best.

## Native Daughters.

The various parlors of N. D. G. W. have been holding high carnival during the past ten days, it being the time selected by the grand president, Mrs. Ella Caminetti, to pay her official visit. On Wednesday evening of last week she visited Conrad Parlor, No. 101, of Volcano. The occasion was made one of sociability and proved to be of great benefit to all members present. On Thursday evening Ursula Parlor No. 1, entertained three of the grand officers, grand president Ella Caminetti, grand secretary Laura J. Frakes, and grand trustee Teresa Muldoon. Five new members were initiated into the mysteries of sisterhood. The hall decorations were very elaborate. Mrs. H. Jones recited during the evening, and Miss Alma Francis and Miss Dooley Sanguinetti each sang solos. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Caminetti by the parlor, Mrs. Laughton making the presentation speech in a pleasing manner. An inviting banquet was spread at the Globe hotel, after which many entertaining toasts were given. Mrs. Laughton acting as toast mistress. Mrs. Caminetti was at her best, and many pleasantries were exchanged between she and other witty members.

On Thursday evening the grand officers, accompanied by members from Conrad and Ursula parlors, visited Annapolis Parlor of Sutter, and assisted in the installation of officers and the initiation of nine new members. The occasion was one long to be remembered, and lasted until the wee small hours of Saturday morning. Singing, reciting, and speech making filled in every spare moment of time. Miss Julia Tanner, who recited for California at the St. Louis exposition, was present, and responded to several calls. Several visiting members sang, spoke or recited. Toasts and banquet, banquet and toasts occupied over two hours of time. Long live the N. D. G. W., they are a power for good in the state, and may all the ladies who are eligible become honored members of the order.

## Injuries Prove Fatal.

Joseph Bastian, a young man who has been working in the Argonaut mine for some time, was caved on Monday morning and received injuries that proved fatal at 5 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Bastian was a highly respected young man, and his untimely taking off will be felt by a host of intimate friends. Deceased's parents live in Jackson. Five years ago his father received severe injuries in the same mine. His relatives have the sympathy of the entire community. His remains were laid to rest in the Protestant cemetery on Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of Jackson Miners' Union, No. 115, W. F. M., of which order he was a member in good standing.

## Workmen and Degree of Honor Install.

On Monday evening the Workmen and ladies of the Degree of Honor held a joint installation in Masonic hall. The occasion was one where real sociability was combined with business. Mrs. J. B. Washburn installed for the ladies in a most creditable manner, while J. E. Dye instructed the incoming officers for the Workmen. The ladies had prepared a "royal feast," to which even the chronic dyspeptic did justice. The festivities continued until a late hour. The following officers were installed by the Workmen:

J. B. Washburn, M. W.; G. L. Wishard, Foreman; W. J. Nettle, Overseer; J. B. Martell, Guide; G. A. Gritton, Receiver; C. W. Freeman, Financier; J. E. Dye, Recorder; L. Poggi, Inside Watch; A. H. Kuhlman, Outside Watch.

## School Closed.

Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria the Jackson public school was closed Tuesday morning until Monday, the 23rd, in order to give the trustees an opportunity to fumigate the building. Nothing will be left undone to prevent the further spread of this much dreaded malady.

Mr. Huberty sent below for a trained nurse to assist in caring for his children, and she arrived on Monday evening's stage. Parents should watch their children closely, and report any serious case of sore throat at once.

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Bears the Signature of  
*Wm. A. Porter*

## Bon Bon Party.

Ursula Parlor No. 1, N. D. G. W., will give a Bon Bon party in Love's hall on the evening of February 14, 1905. Excellent music has been secured, and a good time guaranteed to all who attend. Announcement posters are now being printed at this office.

## Coughs and Colds.

All coughs, colds and pulmonary complaints that are curable are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. Clears the phlegm, draws out inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts, strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia. Harmless and pleasant to take. Sold by all druggists.

## Guessing Contest.

We gleam from Collier's weekly that the exact vote cast for president in 1904 was 13,551,371, over 400,000 less than in 1900. No one receiving a guess from the Ledger came within 100,000 of the correct number, and hence no prizes were won by our patrons.

## Mothers, Be Careful

of the health of your children. Look out for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Stop them in time—One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy. Harmless and pleasant. Sold by all druggists.

Sam C. Trayner, who has been calling on some Amador county people during the past week, left on Tuesday's stage for San Francisco. He expects to return in a short time, to look after business interests here.

## LEVI STRAUSS &amp; CO.



## Additional Locals.

Ex-Assemblyman Frank Dunlap of Stockton was in Jackson Thursday.

A fire occurred at New Chicago early this morning, totally destroying the Francesco boarding house.

Good mines of all kinds wanted. Inquiring parties. S. C. Trayner, 4 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.

It is proposed that the state of California appropriate \$70,000 for the purpose of making a creditable showing at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, during the coming summer.

Mrs. J. L. Sargent and family will visit friends near Lodi during the next two months.

Miss Mayme Norman, eldest daughter of Sheriff Norman, is visiting friends in Placerville.

Chas. Boro, of Sutter Creek, was attending to important business at the court house Monday.

One more suspicious case verging on diphtheria has been reported from the Mason-Webb addition.

Lum Luttrell was in from his mountain ranch Monday. He reports a few inches of snow at Wiley's station.

A marriage license was issued from the clerk's office this week to Thomas J. Scully and Rosana Scott, both of Ione.

Several large iron bands came to Jackson Wednesday evening by express. They were for immediate use at the plant.

Edward Grelich, of Drytown, who was thrown from his horse recently and severely injured, is now able to be out on crutches.

Superintendent Gordon has appointed Chas. McKinney school trustee of Middle Bar district, vice Mrs. J. L. Sargent resigned.

Chas. M. Gardner, who wounded outlaw Tracy and caused the latter to kill himself, died in Agnews asylum on January 18th of paresis.

Henry Weil is making extensive improvements on his building back of the White House. He intends to use it as a store room for pianos, etc.

The Masons and Eastern Star lodges of Jackson have installed officers during the week for the ensuing term. No particulars were received at this office.

District Attorney Jerome has closed every gambling house in the great city of New York. The gamblers have surrendered their paraphernalia and will not fight the case further.

An insurance adjuster from San Francisco was in town several days adjusting the damages to the house and furniture that burned a short time ago just back of Newman's stable.

At a regular meeting of the N. S. G. W. Wednesday evening D. D. G. P. Wm. A. Burres of Sutter Creek, assisted by J. T. Vandament, installed the officers for the ensuing term. No banquet.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of one of the flashlight pictures taken by George McMillan at the W. O. W. installation. The picture is a good one, and reflects great credit upon the photographer.

The school trustees report that the cleansing and fumigating of the school building has been completed and that a meeting of the board will be held Saturday to determine the date for reopening school.

T. D. Shanahan and O. Retzman, attendants at the Napa state hospital, charged with having caused the death of Joseph R. Lewis, a patient, are held to answer before the superior court on the charge of murder.

Assemblyman Cromwell, of Sonoma, has introduced a bill repealing that portion of the game law passed two years ago that prevents a man killing game on his own premises during the closed season. Good for Cromwell.

The ladies' aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church will give an afternoon tea at the parsonage next Wednesday from 2 to 6 o'clock. Light refreshments will be served for 15 cents. The friends of the church are invited to call.

Horse thieves are said to be numerous in other counties, while blanket thieves are working in Amador. Perhaps they are one and the same gang. Good horses should be kept well blanketed, and as the Jackson merchants have advertised their goods so extensively these horsemen know exactly where to come and get the best.

Judge R. C. Rust returned from San Francisco Wednesday, where he had been in attendance upon his brother, Edgar Rust, who is lying critically ill at his home of heart trouble and general debility. The attending physician gave the judge little hope for his brother's ultimate recovery, but rather inferred that his ailments were incurable.

During Sheriff Norman's recent trip to Nevada he succeeded in capturing N. Volpi, an Italian wanted by Sheriff Reese of Sacramento county for mayhem. Norman recognized the man from a picture he carried in his pocket. He succeeded in crossing the state line without interference from the Nevada authorities, and landed his man safely in the Sacramento county jail. Sheriff Reese was greatly pleased over the capture.

## MINING NEWS

TREADWELL.—The new superintendent has gone to work in a business-like manner. Prospecting the various ledges will be the first thing in order. So far everything looks most favorable. Several ledges have been encountered, all prospecting well. A model 5-stamp mill has been erected for testing purposes. As soon as satisfactory values are established a larger mill will be erected in a more convenient locality. The promoters are business men, and future operations will be conducted in a business-like manner.

MADRONE.—Another run has been made on ore taken from the old dump, which went a little over \$8 to the ton. Mr. Lesslie finds that the larger part of the dump consists of just such rock, and proposes to sort the entire lot. With his present force it will take two years to do the work. The next crushing of 100 tons will be taken from the ore body contained in the main tunnel. The last tunnel crushing of 109 tons went \$17.20 per ton. The present managers have shown that the former operators did not know pay rock from gouge.

MARSINO GRAVEL CLAIM.—Marsino & Sons of Volcano are having their rich gravel claim surveyed and boundaries definitely established. They will also determine the grade for the 700-foot tunnel which they will run through the claim during the coming summer. The large body of gravel encountered in the north end of the tunnel can be worked more profitably through this tunnel than through the shaft, and at the same time it will open up the entire property. Breasting is still going on in the south end, and the dump will soon contain 1000 car loads of gravel, valued at \$2000. This mine is a mint within itself.

MITCHELL.—We understand that the Mitchell mine near Pine Grove will be started up again in the near future. The title has now been perfected, and the former lease holders have full control. This has always been a paying property, and the recent assessment work shows a large body of good milling ore heretofore undiscovered. The incoming managers will doubtless find a profitable investment for their money.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson Passes Away.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, mother of ex-deputy sheriff Jackson of this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Morgan, of Fresno, on the 9th inst., of pneumonia. Grandma Jackson, as she was familiarly called, has been making her home with her son in Amador county during the past five years. Not having seen her daughter and grandchildren for some time she expressed a strong desire to visit them during the holidays, and her relatives here consented to her going. A few days after arriving in Fresno she was taken down with pneumonia, and as it at once developed into a serious nature her son was sent for, but being bedfast himself at the time he was unable to reach her before death relieved her of her sufferings.

Deceased was a native of Kentucky, 78 years of age. She and her husband, F. H. Jackson, arrived in California 31 years ago, where she has resided ever since, her husband having died in 1881. Mrs. Jackson was a Christian lady, and had made many friends during her residence in Amador county. She leaves one son, F. E. Jackson, of this place, and one daughter, Mrs. M. A. Morgan of Fresno, besides a number of grandchildren to mourn her loss.

## A Slight Disagreement.

A little unpleasantness has occurred in the Willow Springs district, owing to the fact that the teacher refuses to be told by the trustees where she shall board. The trustees have taken matters into their own hands and have, so we are informed, without complying with the law, proceeded to nail up the building. The teacher has notified the superintendent, and he has taken the matter in hand and will see that the teacher receives fair and impartial treatment. No board of trustees in any county has, or can assume, any authority except that given them by the school laws of the state, and no board meeting is legal unless properly called, and each member notified of the time and place of such meeting. It is folly for any one or two members of a board to ignore the other member, for the law recognizes his standing and will see that his rights are respected. The law also protects teachers, and no set of trustees can arbitrarily mistreat them. To abuse or talk insultingly to a teacher in the presence of her pupils is a crime, and the person who does so is liable to a heavy fine. Trustees should at all times advise with the superintendent, for he is the head of the public schools of the county. "Do as you would be done by" is a good motto to follow, and when a teacher is being hampered by her trustees as to whom she shall board with she is not receiving that treatment to which they themselves would be willing to submit.

## Short Sightedness.

The Echo man has allowed his vision to wander as far as the Mt. Spring house, and there it ends. He sees the Ione and Eastern railroad stranded there for time unmentionable. Wonder what he thinks those 200 men are doing near Cyclone station, and what object the company had in buying and paying for rails enough to build on to Volcano with. Get aboard the band wagon some bright morning Mr. Editor, ride out this way and take a look at the spirit of progress as she wends her way to our enterprising mountain towns. Your wish is father to the thought that you express. The road to Jackson will be completed in the spring, and if the grades are not too steep for your tonnage we would not be surprised to see within 18 months yourself with other enterprising people of Ione speeding on your way to Volcano behind the iron horse. Look again brother and see if you can't reach Martell's.

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## Broken Lines of Men's and Boys' Hats

All this season's goods, and we must have room for the Summer Hats.

\$3.50 Men's Fedora Hats	- - \$2.50	\$1.50 Boys' Fedora Hats	- - \$1.00
\$3.00 " Derby Hats	- - \$2.00	\$1.25 " Crusher Hats	- - 75c
\$2.50 " Pantouris Hats	- - \$1.90	\$1.00 " Novelty Hats	- - 50c
\$2.00 " Fedora Hats	- - \$1.50	75c " Fedora Hats	- - 40c
\$1.50 " Fedora Hats	- - 75c	50c " Fedora Hats	- - 35c

\$1.00 Men's Dress  
Shirts, 50c

Some sizes are missing in some lines; by condensing the several lines we have all sizes, and you have an assortment to select from.

## \$1.00 Men's Sweaters, 50c

This is a sweater that washes well and does not lose its shape; has a turtle neck. This line must suffer the price cutting as we need room.

\$1.00 Ladies' Union  
Suits, 62c

The famous 'Oneita' combination suits. Enough is said when the name is mentioned, as they are advertised in every magazine.

## Good Shoes Good Shoes Good Shoes

We have several broken lines of shoes that we will place upon our center counters and sell them at a price that will make them move as we need more room in the shoe department for our summer stock of "up-to-date" shoes.

The trade in this department is growing, so that it requires a larger stock to accommodate our trade.

## Slid Down Hill.

It was discovered a few days ago that the large pipe now being put in place at Electra had moved out of place about 2½ inches. On examination it was found that some one had removed the blocking at the lower end, and as the pipe had not been thoroughly secured otherwise its heavy weight was too great for the bearings and the result was that it slid a little. We understand that an expert came up Wednesday and gave it his opinion that no particular damage had been done and work on the pipe was resumed.

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## Diphtheria Again.

Diphtheria has again made its appearance in Jackson. Coroner Huberty's oldest child is the unfortunate victim, and the family have been quarantined. There are several other cases of sore throat, that may develop into diphtheria. Every effort will be put forth, however, to prevent the disease from spreading.

## Under Fire.

Warden Tompkins of San Quentin is now under fire for having placed his nephew from Texas in the position of guard at the prison. It seems that the law requires that only voters of the state can occupy such positions. The warden's favorite nephew from Texas, Sidney Tompkins, appeared on the scene and demonstrated to his worthy uncle that he could shoot out the eye of a prisoner as well as a bull's eye, and the uncle considering a Texas shooter on the same plane as a California voter gave him employment. Now step in the growlers and accuse the warden of being a law breaker himself, and demand the scalp of his nephew.

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## Barbers' Combine Broken.

The union of Jackson barbers formed only two weeks ago has already been torn to pieces. The former 15c shavers are back to their old prices, and one artist has gone so far as to parade the streets with a glowing banner announcing a shave for 10c. Under the union agreement all shops were to close at 8 o'clock p. m., and not to open on Sunday. Now you can get shaved at midnight, and at least one of the shops will remain open all day Sundays. Thus endeth one of the great combines or trusts that must surely fall during the Roosevelt administration.

## Bad Indeed.

Losing flesh is indeed a bad sign. Take Scott's Emulsion for it. For weak digestion, for defective nourishment, for consumption, take Scott's Emulsion. It restores flesh because it strikes to the cause of the loss.

## Work for Roosevelt.

People all over the country are wondering what will become of Roosevelt after his term as president expires



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**Killing a King Cobra.**

Tales of tiger shooting in India are common enough, but one does not hear much about king cobra hunting.

A. Mervyn Smith tells how, accompanied by two natives, he went to a spot where a pair of king cobras were known to be. On arrival at the place he was made to get under a basket, the meshes of which were too small for a king cobra to put his head through.

While he was beneath this basket one of the snakes came out and was shot with arrows by natives. The other cobra then appeared and endeavored to overturn the coop. Describing the incident the writer says: "The terror of that moment I cannot express. What if it should overturn the basket? The strength of thirteen feet of muscle must be enormous, and if used in the right direction would soon overcome my pull at the cord. What would then happen? Certain death for me, I felt sure. Again the whiz of an arrow and I saw a gaping wound along the neck of the fierce brute as it quitted its hold to look for this new foe. Fixing my knees on the cord, I now placed the muzzle of my gun just through one of the square openings in the basket and, aiming at the hood, fired both barrels in rapid succession, and had the satisfaction of seeing the horrid brute fling up the leaves and dust in its death throes."

**Friendly Gray Wolves.**

I have never had any difficulty in making friends with the gray wolves I happened to be sketching, says J. M. Gleason in St. Nicholas. Immediately on my appearance, no matter what they were doing, they came at once to the bars to be scratched and talked to, and when their coats were changing and their skins sensitive they would stand there any length of time while I pulled away the loose tufts of hair, their every action expressing a somewhat sullen friendliness. But with the coyotes it was different. They never make friends with or lose their fear of man. Generally speaking, they resemble the prairie wolf, but are much smaller and of a browner color. Their fur is also longer and the tail more bushy. They vary considerably in color, changing with the seasons. In winter their coat is lighter, in summer darker and with more brown. Black coyotes, while not common, are sometimes seen, but these are only freaks of nature.

**A Vigorous Preacher.**

Beginning his sermon one Sunday a muscular Scotch minister said that in every congregation there were generally three kinds of people. Some were very worthy men and women. Others were just middlings and might be better than they were, but others were actual devils. He did not intend in this discourse to speak to the first kind, who were already good Christians and not greatly requiring either advice or censure. The second class would be all the better for some plain speaking, but their case was not so urgent as that of the third class, whom he had spoken of as positive devils. "To them," he said, "I mean to speak." Then, rolling up the right sleeve of his coat and stretching out his clinched fist in front of him, he said, "Now, ye devils."

**British Baronetries.**

The first baronets were created by James I. and any one might obtain the hereditary title by the payment of £500. Since then I have rarely heard of any baronet being created for his personal merit. Baronetries are mainly conferred for party services. Any one in the house of commons who is prepared to vote invariably as his party whips tell him can receive a baronetcy if he is sufficiently persistent in pushing his "claim" and does not allow himself to be put off with a knight-hood. In some cases he has to contribute to the party funds, but if he bustles about and shows his teeth occasionally this is not always necessary.—London Truth.

**Exclusiveness.**

Exclusiveness is a brand of nothing, used by nobody who is anybody, to protect somebody from the dangers of nothing. You'll find it everywhere, more in Boston than in New York, more in New York than right here in Hayfield, but Hayfield isn't rid of it. Exclusives are people who don't know enough to go large. Exclusive society is a rickety, leaky, lopsided association of idiots, fools, tailors' dummies, languidlers and hangers on, so substantial-less that you have to feed a couple of dozen of 'em into a hopper to grind out a dwarf.—Hayfield Mower.

**Chinese Music.**

The notes of Chinese music read, like the written characters, from right to left, and the intervals of the scale are different from those of the scale adopted by the nations of the west. The music is not very harmonious and sounds meaningless and jangling to western ears, but it has a pretty, musical cadence that makes it attractive and interesting in spite of its frequent discords.

**The Wall of the Victim.**

"You can't get something for nothing," said the man who affects proverbs.

"No," answered the easy man; "I can't, but the people with whom I do business seem to manage it every now and then."—Exchange.

**Ready For Something Else.**

The New Boy—What do you do in your Sunday school? The Rev. Dr. Sainly—We study the Bible. The New Boy—But I've been through that Brooklyn Life.

Pity is the virtue of the law, and none but tyrants use it cruelly.—Shakespeare.

**RULED BY THE MOON**

ODD BELIEFS BY DUTCH FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

They Kill Hogs, Plant and Build According to the Tilt of the Moon. How to Keep a Dog and What One Must Do to Make a Good Tree Dog.

The Dutch farmers of Rowan county are among North Carolina's most prosperous and most interesting people. They live well, save money and improve in every way. Thrift is a virtue with them. They are great believers in signs and old sayings. They do things by the moon.

Before building a worm fence the Dutch always watch the moon, says the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer. It must be right or the fence will sink into the ground. The bottom rail must be put down when the little moon is turned up, so that it will not sink into the ground. To prove that this is the right sort of doctrine let a person make an experiment with two bricks, lay down one while the little moon is up and the other while it is down, and it will be noticed that the one laid when the moon was down will go into the ground and that the other will remain as level.

If one would cover his house well he must make the boards when the little moon is turned down. That is easy. The boards will keep their shape if rived then. But, on the other hand, if made while the little moon is turned up the boards will cup up at the ends when exposed to the weather. I have seen many a board turn up at the end, but never knew what it did.

The moon must be right when a Dutchman kills his hogs. If the hogs are killed when the little moon is on the decrease the meat will shrink, but if killed when the little moon is on the increase it will swell.

To have good turnips one must plant on Israel's day—that is, in August. If corn is planted when the little moon points up the ears will grow too near the top. The ear gets more nourishment near the ground.

No work is done on Ascension day. It is a day of rest and pleasure. If the first visitor to a home that day is a man all the eggs that are setting will hatch roosters; if a woman, pullets will prevail. Therefore a man is an unwelcome guest early in the morning on Ascension day.

It is not right to carry out the ashes between Christmas and New Year's day. That brings bad luck.

If a farmer puts out manure or fertilizer when the little moon points up it will stay, but if the little moon points down it will leech out.

There are a thousand and one of these signs and sayings if they could be collected. Many of them are met in other Dutch communities.

Lived there a country boy in Mecklenburg who did not know how to treat his old bound for various shortcomings? If when you get a new dog he will not stay with you cut the hair tip off his tail and bury it under the front steps, and then he will abide with you forever. Nobody can take him from you. If you would have the dog love you better than he could anybody else wear a bit of meat in the heel of your shoe a day and then give it to the dog to eat. It is strange doctrine, but true, for I have tried it. Some folks find it better to measure a dog with a stick and bury it under the steps than to nick the tail. Either way will do.

It so happens now and then that a fine dog refuses to bark at the tree. That sort of hunting is unsatisfactory, for most of the hunter's time is wasted in hunting for the silent dog. That defect, however, is easily got rid of. The hunter goes to the woods and listens for the squeaking noise that is made by the rubbing together of two trees, gathers the bark from the point of friction, makes a soup of it and gives it to the dog. If anything will help him after he is grown that will. But if the puppy is taken in time they will be no silent dog at the tree. As soon as the puppy is large enough to stand the blow the hunter should burst a green gourd over his head. That will make tree dogs—barking dogs. But I cannot refrain from giving a word of warning here. I hit one of my puppies too hard once and broke his head instead of the gourd.

In certain sections of the south there is a saying that if you rub a teething baby's gums with warm rabbit brains the teeth will come through the skin without difficulty. It was my good fortune once to see the trick tried. One day I was traveling in the lower part of Mecklenburg county when I saw two small boys running, carrying something. The youngsters were red in the face and hot. I could see that they were bent on purpose. The larger of the two, a red topped boy, was in the lead. He held in his hand something that he seemed to be jealous of and was trying to protect.

"What have you there, boy?" I shouted.

"Rabbit brains—hot rabbit brains," was the quick reply.

"What are you going to do with them?"

"We're going to rub sister's gums, so she kin cut teeth."

I followed the boys and watched the operation. It was all right, and I have learned since that teething was made easier by the act. The boys had chased that rabbit and killed him far ahead.

But all that trouble could have been avoided had the child been supplied with a bag of moles' feet. If the mother will take the feet of a ground mole, sew them up in a sack and then around the baby's neck all will be well. I do not know why this is so, but it is. The baby must chew the rag.

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